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SUBJECT: TANZANIA-UGANDA RELATIONS

1. A USAID TECHNICIAN ORDINARILY RESIDENT DODOMA VISITED EMBASSY AUGUST 14 AND INFORMED US THAT HE AND OTHERS IN DODOMA RECENTLY ORDERED BY TANGOV AUTHORITIES TO BUILD EIGHT-FOOT DEEP AIR RAID SHELTERS FOR FAMILIES AT RESIDENCES. REASON GIVEN BY TANGOV AUTHORITIES WAS FEAR OF UGANDAN BOMBING.

2. TECHNICIAN SAID BOMB SHELTER CONSTRUCTION CAUSING INTERESTING PROBLEMS SINCE WATER TABLE AT DODOMA IS SIX FEET BENEATH SURFACE.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THE LAST THING TANZANIA NEEDS IS TO START DIVERTING SCARCE CEMENT TO BOMB SHELTER CONSTRUCTION, THEIR CONCERNS HAVE SOME BASIS IN FACT. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE UGANDAN AIR FORCE DID DROP A FEW BOMBS ON TWO NORTHERN TANZANIAN TOWNS IN SEPTEMBER 1972 WHEN UAF CAPABILITIES WRE LESS THAN AT PRESENT AND TANZANIA-UGANDA RELATIONS AT LEAST OSTENSIBLY BETTER.
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